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VIA ELECTRONIC COMMENT FILING SYSTEM (ECFS)

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Acceleration of Broadband Deployment Expanding the Reach and Reducing the Cost of Broadband Deployment by Improving Policies Regarding Public Rights of Way and Wireless Facilities Siting, WC Docket No. 11-59; Implementing a Nationwide, Broadband Interoperable Public Safety Network in the 700 MHz Band, PS Docket No. 06-229

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 4, 2012, NATOA President Joanne Hovis, President-Elect Tony Perez, Immediate Past President Ken Fellman, NATOA Board Members Catharine Rice, Mike Lynch and Jodie Miller, and the undersigned met with Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel and Senior Legal Advisor David Goldman and Legal Advisor Priscilla Delgado Argeris to discuss issues of concern to local governments.

More specifically, we voiced concerns with the misperception that local regulations delay access to public rights of way. We mentioned that NATOA is actively engaged in conversations with PCIA to develop siting best practices.

We also spoke of efforts by local governments to bring advanced services to their constituents. For example, the small community of Wilson, NC built its community network only after private providers refused to provide the necessary services to the jurisdiction. As a result of the actions taken by Wilson to better the lives of its residents, industry responded by pushing for state legislation restricting the rights of other North Carolina communities to build a similar network. In Longmont, CO, industry spent hundreds to thousands of dollars to block a community network rather than invest in bringing advanced services to the community. And in Seattle, WA, efforts to bring new

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services to the city failed to materialize even after dozens of private providers voiced initial interest in doing so – not because of local regulations, but because the proposed project did not fit their business plan.

We also voiced our continuing support for the nationwide public safety wireless broadband network and concerns over the project's funding.

Pursuant to Commission rules, please include a copy of this notice in the record for the proceeding noted above.

Sincerely,
/s/Stephen Traylor
Executive Director
NATOA

cc: Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel
Daniel Goldman
Priscilla Delgado Argeris